

July 28, 2003

VIA FAX AND OVERNIGHT COURIER

Albert Veldhuyzen, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MIJR 5373

Dear Mr. Veldhuyzen:

I am in receipt of Ellen Weintraub's letter dated July 15, 2003 and the First General Counsel's Report dated May 14, 2003 which was enclosed, concerning violations of federal law as a result of airplane charter services provided to Bush-Cheney 2000, Inc. In the Report, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers is named as an entity that provided charter airplane services to Bush-Cheney 2000, Inc.

As I mentioned to you when we spoke last week, Kleiner Perkins does not now and has never owned any airplanes, and Kleiner Perkins did not provide or subsidize charter airplanes for Bush-Cheney 2000, Inc., as alleged in the report. We have confirmed with ACM, the firm that scheduled the flights in question, that Kleiner Perkins did not have any involvement with those flights.

I understand from you and from the Report that Bush-Cheney 2000, Inc. has paid to the U.S. Treasury the difference between the charter rate and the first class rate previously paid, and as a result, no further corrective action or penalties will be imposed.

Nevertheless, Kleiner Perkins respectfully requests that the Report be corrected prior to its publication to remove any reference to Kleiner Perkins. You suggested as a potential remedy for the error in the Report that a letter from Kleiner Perkins could be placed in the public record along with the Report. With all due respect, we do not believe that is a fair or sufficient correction. We did not violate any laws and believe it would be inappropriate for the Commission to publish the Report knowing it contains an erroneous finding that Kleiner Perkins violated federal election laws. Once again, we would ask that the Report be corrected prior to its publication.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience so we discuss any questions you might have, as well as the most efficient way to correct the Report.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,


John A. Denniston

cc: Ellen L. Weintraub, Esq., Chair (via fax and overnight courier)

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